

*The  
Saskatchewan Aids to  
Independent Living  
Regulations, 1976*

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Saskatchewan Regulation 292/76 (effective November 15, 1976)  
as amended by Saskatchewan Regulations [24/2004](#) and [59/2023](#).

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## SASKATCHEWAN REGULATION 292/76

*The Department of Health Act, 1974*

### Title

1 These regulations may be cited as *The Saskatchewan Aids to Independent Living Regulations, 1976*.

### Definitions

2 In these regulations:

“**beneficiary**” means a person who is:

- (a) eligible pursuant to section 3 to receive the services provided under these regulations; and
- (b) not disqualified by section 4 to receive those services;

“**nurse practitioner**” means a registered nurse who is entitled pursuant to *The Registered Nurses Act, 1988* to practise in the nurse practitioner category;

“**physical disability**” means a residual physical disability due to accident, congenital defect, injury, disease or other illness, pursuant to which a person has a bodily condition or infirmity that prevents the person from functioning at a normally accepted level of activity;

“**physician**” means a duly qualified medical practitioner;

“**physician assistant**” means a physician assistant as defined in *The Medical Profession Act, 1981* who is practising under the supervision of a physician as approved by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan;

“**rehabilitation equipment**” means equipment required in the rehabilitation of a person with a physical disability, such as wheelchairs and accessories, respiratory equipment and accessories, lifting devices, commodes, walkers, hospital beds, transfer bars, special mattresses and cushions.

14 Jly 2023 SR 59/2023 s2.

### Eligible persons

3 Subject to section 4, the minister may accept a resident of the province as being eligible to receive the services provided under these regulations where:

- (a) that person has a physical disability who, in the opinion of the minister, should receive services under these regulations; and

(b) he has, for the purposes of these regulations, been referred to the minister by a physician, physician assistant, registered nurse, or other qualified person as having a physical disability; and

(c) that person has a physical disability to the extent that, in the opinion of the minister, it would be appropriate for him to receive one or more of the services provided under these regulations.

12 Nov 76 SR 292/76 s3; 14 Jly 2023 59/2023 s4.

#### Ineligible persons

4 Notwithstanding the other provisions hereof, a resident of the province shall not be eligible to receive a service provided under these regulations where:

(a) at the time when he is about to receive the service his name is not listed on a valid and subsisting card entitled "Saskatchewan Health Services Card" issued for the purpose of indicating that the person or persons whose names were listed thereon were beneficiaries for the purpose of *The Saskatchewan Hospitalization Act*, *The Saskatchewan Medical Care Insurance Act*, and certain other health programs administered by the Government of Saskatchewan; or

(b) in the opinion of the minister, he is entitled or eligible to receive the service from another agency of government, either federal or provincial, or to have payment made therefor by any such agency, except that a service provided under these regulations may be provided to that person where an agreement or arrangement has been entered into between the minister and the agency of government for that agency to make payment to the minister for the provision of the service to that person.

12 Nov 76 SR 292/76 s4.

#### Services

5 The services that may, at the discretion of the minister, be provided under these regulations are as follows:

(a) the provision of prosthetic and orthotic appliances as recommended by a physician, physician assistant, occupational therapist or physical therapist;

(b) rehabilitation equipment recommended by a physician, physician assistant, registered nurse, occupational therapist or physical therapist, with such equipment to be loaned to the beneficiary pursuant to section 6;

(c) home modifications recommended by a physician, physician assistant, registered nurse, occupational therapist or physical therapist, such as:

(i) minor adaptations such as transfer bars, railings;

(ii) structural adaptations such as ramps, wheelchair lifts, minor altering of bathrooms, widening doors;

- (d) the repair of:
  - (i) the appliances mentioned in clause (a);
  - (ii) rehabilitation equipment whether or not such equipment is privately owned or has been lent to a beneficiary under clause (b);
  - (iii) the home modifications mentioned in clause (c) and walls, floors, ceilings, or structures following the removal of those home modifications;
- (e) medical and other supplies and drugs and medications required for the remedial treatment and care of a person with a physical disability when recommended by a physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner;
- (f) home nursing visits when recommended by a physician with payment for such services to be made at rates fixed by the minister;
- (g) home delivered hot meals when recommended by a duly qualified physician, registered nurse, social worker or other qualified person;
- (h) transportation for rehabilitation services;
- (i) other home care services, including counselling and supportive services required or considered advisable in the rehabilitation of persons with physical disabilities; and
- (j) any other services required in the remedial care and treatment of a person with a physical disability when recommended by a physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner.

12 Nov 76 SR 292/76 s5; 7 May 2004 SR 24/2004 s2; 14 Jly 2023 SR 59/2023 s5.

**Loan of rehabilitation equipment**

**6(1)** The rehabilitation equipment referred to in clause (b) of section 5 may be loaned for such period as, in the opinion of the minister, that equipment may be required by the beneficiary.

(2) The minister may, in connection with such classes of rehabilitation equipment as he deems advisable, require the beneficiary receiving the rehabilitation equipment under subsection (1) to place a deposit with the minister in such amount as the minister may prescribe as a condition of receiving that equipment, with it being understood that such deposit will be repaid to the beneficiary upon the equipment being returned to the minister.

(3) Notwithstanding clause (b) of section 5 and subsection (1) of this section, rehabilitation equipment may be granted to a beneficiary and need not be returned by him to the minister where in the opinion of an official of the ministry designated by the minister for the purpose:

- (a) the equipment had been manufactured or designed particularly for the recipient and could not be properly used by any other person; or
- (b) the condition of the equipment has deteriorated through usage to the extent that it could not properly be used by any other person; or
- (c) the equipment has been damaged beyond repair.

12 Nov 76 SR 292/76 s6; 14 Jly 2023 SR 59/2023 s6.

**Services may be provided on graduated basis**

7 The minister may cause the services specified in section 5 to be provided to various classes of beneficiaries upon a graduated basis with a view to those services being increased in an orderly manner and eventually becoming available to all classes of beneficiaries whenever required.

12 Nov 76 SR 292/76 s7.

**Pilot project**

8 The minister may, for the purpose of conducting or promoting a pilot project with respect to the use of new kinds of equipment or the provision of new kinds of services for persons with physical disabilities:

- (a) purchase the equipment required for the purposes of the pilot project;
- (b) make provision for the services of personnel required for the pilot project;  
and
- (c) otherwise make expenditures for the purpose of financing the pilot project.

12 Nov 76 SR 292/76 s8.

**Acquisition of rehabilitation equipment and appliances**

9 The minister may purchase rehabilitation equipment and appliances in such volumes as may be required not only for the provision of services under these regulations, but by other agencies of the Government of Saskatchewan and hospitals and institutions in Saskatchewan providing rehabilitation services to persons with physical disabilities and may make such arrangements as may be considered advisable with those agencies, hospitals and institutions with respect to the acquisition of such equipment and appliances by them.

12 Nov 76 SR 292/76 s9.

**Payment for costs of travel and sustenance**

10 Notwithstanding any of the other provisions hereof, the minister may make payment for the costs of travel and sustenance incurred by certain persons for the purpose of having their physical condition assessed in Saskatoon or Regina in order that their eligibility to receive the services provided under these regulations may be determined.

12 Nov 76 SR 292/76 s10.